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SUBJECT: JOINT PLANETARY EXPLORATION AND POSSIBLE  
----- HINNERS VISIT (04.03.05) (04.03.04 AND .05)

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FOR SCICOUN FROM ZOOK

1. NOTWITHSTANDING SOVIET SCIENTISTS' COMMENTS ON US-USSR  
COOPERATION IN PLANETARY EXPLORATION (PARA 7 OF REFTEL 3331)  
YOU SHOULD BE AWARE WE HAVE FROM TIME TO TIME EXPLORED THEIR  
ATTITUDE TOWARD JOINT PLANETARY EXPLORATION (E.G., A  
POSSIBLE JOINT MARS SAMPLE RETRIEVAL PROJECT) BUT RESPON-  
SIBLE SOVIET OFFICIALS HAVE POINTEDLY DECLINED AMBITIOUS  
EFFORTS OUTSIDE MANNED FLIGHT SPHERE. THE PROSPECT OF  
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UNSTRUCTURED INFORMATION EXCHANGES LEAVES US RATHER COOL  
SINCE IT BECOMES VERY DIFFICULT TO ENSURE BALANCE AND  
MUTUAL INTEREST GIVEN SOVIET SKILLS AT NONCOMMUNICATION  
VS. AMERICAN OPENESS. NOTE OUR PROPOSALS FOR CAREFULLY  
STRUCTURED EXCHANGES (SEE PAGE 2, SECTION I, NEAR EARTH  
SPACE, MOON AND PLANETS, ENCLOSED WITH LOVELACE'S FEBRUARY  
8 LETTER TO PETROV ON EXTENSION OF JANUARY 1971 AGREEMENT).

2. IF SOVIETS ARE INDEED SERIOUS ABOUT "PROGRAM COOPERATION/COORDINATION" (SAME REFERENCE), ONE MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF HINNERS VISIT COULD BE TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF PLANNED FUTURE SOVIET PLANETARY PROGRAMS THAT WOULD FACILITATE PLANNING OUR OWN PROJECTS.

3. IN ANY CASE, IT MAY NOT BE DESIRABLE TO PRESS SUGGESTION FOR VISIT TO LUNOKHOD OPERATIONAL FACILITIES (PARAGRAPH 4-B OF REFTEL 047762) OR OTHER CONTROL FACILITIES WHICH MIGHT APPEAR EFFORT ON OUR PART TO GAIN TECHNICAL/OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE RATHER THAN COORDINATE SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES.

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